

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 8 January 2003, the Examiner requested that Applicants and the Assignee of this application provide:

- (1) the serial number and a copy of Applicants' or Assignee's pending claims which are reasonably related to the presently claimed subject matter; and
- (2) the PCT publication number (WO number) of Applicants' or Assignee's published PCT applications designating the United States and a copy of the PCT claims that are reasonably related to the presently claimed subject matter.

In response to the request of the Examiner, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the SIDS is respectfully requested.

The Examiner seeks to be informed of claims that are "reasonably related to the presently claimed subject matter." Applicants note that the request is stated in terms that are different from the words of 37 U.S.C. § 1.56, that "each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application" has a duty to "disclose all information known to be material to patentability." Applicants have made all reasonable efforts to comply with the request of the Examiner and to meet the stated standard of the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above remarks. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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